

1948

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

January 5, 1948

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met in Mr. Abit Nix's office at 5 p.m. Members present: Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr., Mr. Abit Nix, Mr. H. P. Williams, Mr. Robert Gunn. Mrs. T. H. McHatton sent her proxy. Also present: Miss Mary E. Townes.

The meeting was called to order. Miss Townes gave a short talk on the budget for 1948. The budget was unanimously adopted on a motion by ~~Nix~~ Mr. Nix, ~~seconded~~ by Mr. Williams.

Discussion of building plans ensued. It was unanimously agreed that the Board should proceed with the adaptation of the Stern house. Mr. Gunn asked to be allowed to wait until the next board meeting to decide whether or not he could be the chairman of the building committee.

Discussion of enlarging the board. It was unanimously agreed that the names of several young men be submitted to the city council for appointment. The names of Morton Hodgson, Troutman Wilson, Richard Bloodworth, Billy Wier, and Thomas H. Milner were suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes

Mary E. Townes
Acting secretary

700⁰⁰ Cash
700⁰⁰ Book Matching Fund - Orders must
be placed by April 1st -

Watkinsville -	300 ⁰⁰
Bogart	<u>300⁰⁰</u>
	600 ⁰⁰
Leaving	100 ⁰⁰ prorata share expenses.

900 ⁰⁰ Cash	Oglethorpe Lx.	300 ⁰⁰
900 ⁰⁰ Books.	Leaving	600 ⁰⁰ prorata share expenses.

However, please note Bogart circulation!
No money paid in by ~~Bogart~~ Oconee since
Jan 1 - 1946 (really Dec 1945) Oglethorpe &
Clarke continue to pay!

Library service should be suspended
immediately in Oconee - but in view of
unusual circumstances what is the
wish of the Board?

Larger approp. from Oconee. Oconee
Board bring pressure on State Board.
Oconee responsibility. Appt Ashford & Bray
to see Miss Nix.

5. New laws to By-Laws - only one member
of immediate family be employed.

Service suspended if checks not pd. in
by 10th of month - should be in o.f.c. by 10th -

6. Executive Committee - Williams Shadgett
& Chr.

Adjourn

Budget.

Reg. Director	2700 ⁰⁰	40 hrs	6.000 ⁰⁰
Athens "	1800 2400 ⁰⁰	30 hrs.	6.000 ⁰⁰
Ashford	1680 ⁰⁰		1400 ⁰⁰
Hughes	1680 ⁰⁰		1790 ⁰⁰
Bone	1440 ⁰⁰		1492 ⁹⁵
Roxie Jarrell	420 ⁰⁰		1200 ⁰⁰ 800 ⁰⁰ 2000 ⁰⁰
Marchman	360 ⁰⁰		\$18,682 ⁹⁵
Daniel	360 ⁰⁰		13,460 ⁰⁰
Mussey	360 ⁰⁰		
Porterfield	1200 ⁰⁰		5,222 ⁹⁵
Maxwell	960 ⁰⁰		
Salaries	\$13,460 ⁰⁰		

Accepted!
3/13/46

Report of nominating Com-
Officers for the year of repairing
the John J. Nichols Chh.

the Robert Green - Vice Chh

the W. W. Allen - Secretary -

the T. H. Allen - Secy. -

the B. R. Treadwell - Finance Chh

the - William Hodgson - Building & Grounds Chh

Respectfully - and most gratefully

Wm. L. M. Hutton

the Hodgson - asks me to report
that he has secured the

donation of an iron fence -

same design as Presbytery

fence - to be erected on ^{front} ~~right~~

and connecting church ^{property} ~~property~~

Library Road - W. L. M. Hutton

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

January 15, 1948

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met in Mr. Abit Nix's office at 5 p.m. Members present: Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr., Mrs. T. H. McHatton, Mr. Robert Gunn, Mr. Abit Nix, Mr. Paul Williams, Mr. Billy Wier, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Thomas Milner, Mr. Troutman Wilson, Mr. Morton Hodgson. Also present: Miss Mary E. Townes.

The meeting was called to order. Mrs. Wilkins commented on the annual report and the needs for increased funds from the City and the County. Members of the Board who were present were lined up to see members of the City Council and the County Commissioners.

Mrs. Wilkins asked Mrs. McHatton to serve as liaison officer between the Library Board and the Negro Library Committee which we hope to set up.

The Regional Library Board set-up was explained, and Mrs. Wilkins announced that she would soon ask three of this Athens-Clarke Library Board to serve on the Regional Board.

Mrs. Wilkins announced that the bonds for the building sold for \$49,500, but that since expenses of the election came out of the sum, we had something over \$49,000 for the building, including the purchase of the lot, which cost \$17,500.

Mr. Gunn consented to act as Chairman of the Building Committee, provided Mr. Nix, Mr. Williams, Mrs. McHatton, and Mrs. Wilkins would serve as members of the committee. The election of Mr. Gunn as Chairman of the Building Committee was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded, and unanimously carried. The decision of the Board to go ahead with the building and to have Mr. Gunn as Chairman of the Building Committee is to be announced to the public immediately.

The appointment of Mr. Wilmer Heery as Architect was moved by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. McHatton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes

Mary E. Townes, Acting Secty.

Athens - Clarke Library Board
Meetings Attended

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Oglethorpe

Regional Meetings Attended

Exp. Date	Reg. Oct '47	Reg. Feb '48	Reg. Apr '48	Reg. Aug '48
Mrs. E. O. Cabanies	✓			✓
Mrs. J. L. Harris	✓			
Mrs. W. E. Calloway	✓			
Mr. Grady Howard	✓			
Mr. Bobby Brooks	✓			
Mr. E. O. Cabanies				
Mr. Furrison				
Mr. B. E. Faust				

Oconee

Mrs. R. H. Downs

Mr. Henry Ashford

Mr. Victor Kenimer?

Mr. B. C. Hogan

Mr. Homer McElroy

Miss Elizabeth Hale

Mr. Frank Wells

Miss Louise O'Dell

Mr. Roy Ward

Mr. Mayne Elder

Mrs. Alvin Saxon

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

February 18, 1948

The Board met in Mr. Abit Nix's office at 5 p.m. Members present: Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Chr., Mr. Abit Nix, Mr. Henry Ashford, Mr. Thomas Milner, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Billy Wier, Mr. Paul Williams, Mr. T. H. McHatton, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, ~~and~~ Also present: Miss Mary Townes.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Discussion followed concerning the state of the budget which is being sought in each county. Mr. Robert Hamilton suggested that our best chances, in the long run, lay in getting a millage rate for the library set up, so as to save the pressure campaign that has been necessary every year. Mrs. Wilkins read a letter from Attorney General Cook stating his opinion that it is constitutional for either a municipal or a county governing council to set up a millage rate for public library support. Mr. Nix suggested that we leave consideration of this long term plan until we had obtained as much as we could of the 1948 budget.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Milner and Mr. Wier as members of the finance committee, representing Athens-Clarke. Other finance committee members are Mr. Brooks from Oglethorpe and Mr. Ashford from Oconee. Mrs. Wilkins stated that Mr. Milner and Mr. Wier should be directed first of all to try to get the Clarke County Commissioners to give the \$10,000 which we requested. At Mr. Nix's suggestion, the Board recommended that the Finance Committee confer with the Building Committee chairman, Mr. Gunn, frequently in order to keep ^{every one} informed on the financial status as a whole.

Miss Townes was asked to analyze the budget from the standpoint of source of income - how much cash, how much book funds, etc. She reported as follows:

BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET 1948 INTO CASH OR BOOK FUNDS

	CASH	BOOKS (State)
Athens-Clarke	\$20,000.00	\$712.80
Fines	400.00	
Oconee	1,450.00	1000.00
Oglethorpe	1,630.00	1280.15
State	1,500.00	All the above (Total \$4492.95)
Total	\$24,980.00	\$2992.95 Total \$27,973.03

Mrs. Wilkins announced that Miss Townes would be in Atlanta the first week of March for a work-conference on library training. Miss Townes had been asked to represent the public librarians of Georgia at this conference.

Mrs. Wilkins appointed Mrs. McHatton and Mr. Troutman Wilson to serve as a nominating committee for officers to be elected in April. She suggested that officers be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, in accordance with the constitution*. Mr. Nix moved and Mr. Milner seconded that these members be the nominating committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes

Mary E. Townes, Acting Secty.

* Note - The Constitutional names are President, Vice-President, and Secretary, but these titles have changed by custom.

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY BOARD - BUILDING COMMITTEE

March 20, 1948 11 a.m.

The Building Committee met in Mr. Nix's office to discuss the pencilled plans submitted by Mr. Heery. Members present: Mr. Nix, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. McHatton, Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Gunn, Chairman. Also Miss Townes and Mr. Heery.

The motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Nix, and carried that the Building Committee approve the preliminary drawings and ask the architect to make working drawings to submit to the contractors, and then to the County Commissioners. Contractors suggested were: Mathis, Caskey, Paris, Hanson, Ferqueron. The bond required from the contractor would be 1% of the contract price. A bid bond and a surety bond are required on all such public buildings. Mr. Nix made the motion that the full Board be called the first of the week to approve the agreement with the architect. The time was set as Monday at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Wilkins, Acting Secty

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

March 22, 1948 5 p.m.

The Athens-Clarke Library Board met in Mr. Nix's office. Mr. Nix was asked to act as Chairman in Mrs. Wilkins' absence. Members present: Mr. Nix, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Wier, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. McHatton, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Milner. Also present: Miss Townes and Mrs. Burnet (later)

The motion was made by Mr. Bloodworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Board approve the action of the Building Committee and authorize the Building Committee Chairman to sign the standard form of agreement between owner and architect.

The insurance on the Stern house was discussed. The Board agreed that the house should be insured for \$10,000 and Mr. Gunn took action to insure it with Mr. Tillman. Later check up found out that the Hunnicutt insurance on the house had been transferred to the County Commissioners. In this insurance policy the house is insured for \$7500 until February 1949 with Hutchings, Stroud and Cox.

The revised budget for 1948 was approved by the Board on Mr. Gunn's motion, seconded by Mr. Milner. Mr. Milner explained that the Finance Committee had gone over the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes
Mary E. Townes, Acting Secty.

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 29, 1948

The Board met in Mr. Nix's office at 5 p.m. Members present were: Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr., Chairman, Mr. Morton Hodgson, Mr. Billy Wier, Mr. Thomas Milner, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Paul Williams, and Mr. Henry Ashford. Also: Mary E. Townes

Mrs. Wilkins gave the insurance policies to Mr. Richard Bloodworth, asking him to act as Insurance Chairman for the Library.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The election of officers, which is supposed to take place at the April meeting, was deferred until the May meeting, as Mrs. McHatton and Mr. Wilson, who composed the nominating committee, were unable to be present.

Discussion of the support of the library took place. It was generally agreed that it would be well to try to get the Clarke County Commissioners to place a millage rate in August to carry the cost of library service for Athens and Clarke. In order to obtain the \$1.50 per capita considered the minimum for support for public library service, Mr. Paul Williams and Mr. Morton Hodgson suggested that we ask for 2½ mills. Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Milner thought we should start work towards this goal at once. Mrs. Wilkins asked Mr. Wier, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Nix and Mr. Milner to serve as a committee to obtain the millage rate needed.

Mr. Ashford commented on the fact that^a new Commissioner is due to be elected in Oconee County this year, and if a particular candidate is elected, there may be a good chance of a library tax being put on there.

Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Milner said that the Committee on revision of the constitution was not quite ready to report.

Mrs. Wilkins said that the blue prints (preliminary) for the building would be ready for the Board soon, perhaps next week.

Mr. Morton Hodgson was asked to take the Chairmanship of the Committee on Endowment for the Library. Mr. Hodgson asked for time to look into the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes
Mary E. Townes
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

May 26, 1948

The Athens-Clarke Library Board met in Mr. Nix's office. Members present were: Wilkins, Bailey, McHatton, Hamilton, Williams, Gunn, Hodgson, Bloodworth, Wier, and Milner. It was moved and duly seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Building Committee, which was to approve the preliminary plans submitted by Mr. Wilmer Heery in reference to remodeling the building owned by the Association. The motion passed.

It was moved and duly seconded that the Board ask Mrs. Burnet to resign effective July 1, 1948, expressing regret that such action was necessary. The motion passed and the acting secretary was asked to notify Mrs. Burnet in writing as to the action of the Board.

The Nominating Committee presented the following for election for the following year:

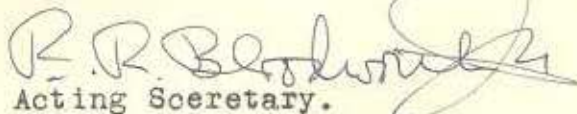
Chairman- Mrs. Wilkins
V-Chmn- Mr. Weir
Secy- Mr. Bloodworth
Tres- Mr. Ovid Bird

There were no further nominations and the above were elected unanimously.

It was moved and duly seconded that the Constitution be amended to encrease the Quorum from five to seven. The change was submitted to the Board for action at the next meeting in accordance with the present Constitution.

It was moved and duly seconded that Miss Townes' salary be increased in the amount of \$25.00 per month beginning August 1, 1948. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Acting Secretary.

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY

ATHENS, GEORGIA

June 4, 1948

Mr. B. R. Bloodworth, Jr.,
Acting Secretary
Athens Clarke County Public
Library Association

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit my resignation
to the Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke
County Public Library Association as Librarian
of the Athens Public Library.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mrs. Duncan Burnet". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mrs. Duncan Burnet
Librarian
Athens Public Library

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
ATHENS, GEORGIA

May 31, 1948

Mrs. Duncan Burnet
375 W. Cloverhurst
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Burnet:

Since the organization of the Athens Regional Library some seven years ago, the policies of Public Library education have been constantly changing from year to year. These policies have been in conformity with progressive education which have met with the unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library Association. Unfortunately, you have not seen fit to agree with these policies and have openly opposed a Regional Library.

In the past years you have rendered invaluable service to the Public Library of Athens, for which each member of the Board and the people of Athens will be forever grateful.

Because of this difference in policy and the futility of a solution of this problem, we regret that the Board at its meeting on the 26th day of May, 1948 voted to ask that you tender your resignation effective July 1, 1948.

Yours very truly,

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

By B. R. Bloodworth, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

July 27, 1948

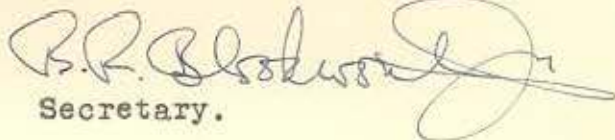
The Athens-Clarke Library Board met in Mr. Nix's office. Members present were: Wilkins, Bailey, Nix, Wilson, Bloodworth, Wier.

There was a discussion of the building problem, centering around the excess of the amount of the bid on the building over the available funds.

It was moved and duly seconded that the money be used to the full extent now towards renovation and rehabilitation of the present building even though not adequate for present plans, with the idea of getting donations as the building progresses.

Mrs Wilkins read a letter from the State in reference to appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary.

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

August 12, 1948 - 4:30 p.m.
In Mr. Nix's office

Members present: Mr. Billy Wier, Acting Chairman, Mr. Nix, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mr. Ashford. Also present: Miss Townes.

Mr. Gunn, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Athens-Clarke County Board, reported that the new plans have been submitted to the Commissioners, and that advertisements will begin Friday, Aug. 13. Bids will be opened Sept. 7.

Mr. Bloodworth, on the Committee to revise the Constitution, reported that each member had received a copy of the revision. He moved, and Mr. Nix seconded, that the revised Constitution be adopted. Unanimously carried.

The second Thursdays in May, August, November and February were set as regular quarterly meeting dates for the Regional Library Board.

The Board approved the idea of having an exhibit booth for the Fair to be held in Athens October 18-23, and promised help in manning the booth. Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. McHatton, and Mr. Ashford were asked to serve as a committee to help plan the exhibit and the personnel to man it.

The Board approved the plan presented by Miss Townes to begin library service to the county Negro schools from Dunbar Branch. Miss Townes estimated that we could start it with \$500 from the state aid increase to the Regional Library, and reported that each of the three superintendents had expressed interest in the idea of turning over to the Library some of the increased school matching funds that are expected for the year 1948/49.

The report of Mr. Milner, Finance Chairman, was read by Mr. Wier. Since we have increased funds from the State, Mr. Milner recommended that the Bookmobile Librarian be employed four days per week instead of three, at a salary of \$1500, and that the present Driver-Clerk be raised to \$1500 per year beginning September 1. This was moved by Gunn, seconded by Nix, unanimously carried.

The Athens Clarke decision to increase Miss Townes' salary by \$600 per year was upheld by the Regional Board.

The Board then approved unanimously a motion by Mr. Gunn, seconded by Mr. Nix, to increase Mrs. Marchman's salary by \$5.00 per month, and the salaries of Mrs. Hussey and Mrs. Daniell by \$2.50 per month each.

The Board approved unanimously a recommendation by Miss Townes that the Library staff should be put on a 40-hour week at a date to be fixed by the Director. (Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by ?)

Mr. Wier pointed out that Mr. Lamkin has asked to rent parking space behind the Library Building until we should need it at \$5.00 per month, and assured Mr. Wier that he could get another tenant to pay \$5.00 also. Mr. Gunn moved, and Mr. Nix seconded to let Mr. Lamkin carry out this plan, and to ask him to see that the rental of \$10 per month was sent to Miss Townes. ~~Unanimously carried~~ Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bloodworth were asked to investigate the possibility of renting parking space after the Library moves. *Mary E. Townes*

Mary E. Townes, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

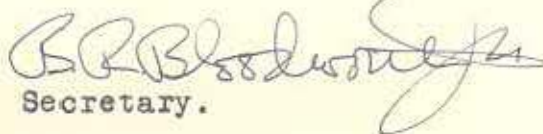
September 9, 1948

The Athens-Clarke Library Board met in Mr. Nix' office. Members present were: Wilkins, Nix, Gunn, Bloodworth, and Weir.

It was moved and duly seconded that the County Commissioners be asked to accept the lowest base bid for work on the Library building. The motion passed.

It was moved and duly seconded that Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Townes be authorized to add Barrow County to the Bookmobile territory if they find it practical. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

December 1, 1948 12 noon Mr. Nix's office

Members present: Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Cabaniss. Also present: Miss Townes.

The budget for 1949 was discussed, details having been settled by Mr. Milner, Chairman of the Finance Committee, ahead of time. The Board asked Miss Townes to add the cost of the new bookmobile to the budget, dividing the cost between the counties on the same basis as the bookmobile operating expenses are divided. Mr. Hodgson moved and Mrs. Cabaniss seconded the adoption of the budget. Unanimously carried.

Discussion of the furniture needs for the new building followed, centering on the desirability of buying the Remington Rand circulation desk. Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Milner were asked to look into the desirability of having Mr. Sam Smith or another cabinet maker make the desk instead of buying it. Also discussion on the ways in which money for library furnishing, or the bookmobile might be raised in the community. Mrs. Bailey suggested some type of ~~benefit dinner~~. Others considered benefit basketball games a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes
Mary E. Townes, Secretary